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August 3, 1994

Mr. Roy Benson
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P.O. Box 2500
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Re: Status of Consolidated Permit Application, Geneva Steel, Iron Mountain Mine,
M/021/008, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Benson:

On January 26, 1994, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining granted a **final** time extension until December 31, 1994, for Geneva Steel to complete the permitting process for their Iron Mountain mining operations. Geneva must receive Division approval of the mining and reclamation plan and Board approval of the amount and form of reclamation surety by within this timeframe. The last regularly scheduled Board Hearing prior to the December 31st deadline, will be held on December 7, 1994.

DOGM's last review letter was sent to Geneva December 22, 1993. The letter indicated that a significant amount of modifications to the submission would be required in order to finalize the consolidated permit. Subsequent meetings (Jan. 18 and Feb. 10, 1994) and an inspection (March 25, 1994) were held to help alleviate the permitting concerns. The Division is now awaiting a response from Geneva.

Due to a current work backlog and active inspection season, we anticipate needing 4+ weeks to complete our review of Geneva's next response. It is possible that a few minor issues, requiring another 2+ weeks to resolve, may come out of our next review. In addition, completion of the reclamation contract and surety arrangements usually require 2+ weeks of preparation by the operator. Division review and response to these documents would likely require another 1-2 weeks to complete.

Board packages for the December 7, 1994 hearing must be in a complete form and ready for mailing no later than November 18, 1994. It usually takes several days for Division staff to prepare a Board package. This means the Board package information would need to be submitted to the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. November 14, 1994. All



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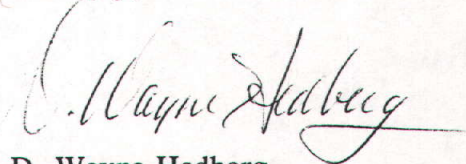
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outstanding permitting issues will need to be resolved, and the reclamation contract and reclamation surety forms will need to be completed by this date as well.

Working backward from the hearing date with these estimated time allotments, means Geneva's next response should be received at least ten (10) weeks prior to the board package deadline. This would mean Geneva's response should be received by the Division by September 5, 1994. Because of field schedules, holidays, delays in mailings, and unforeseen circumstances, a more realistic deadline for Division receipt of this submission would be **August 26, 1994.**

We would appreciate your efforts to meet this suggested submission deadline. Please remember that these time allotments are approximate and we will attempt to process this permit as expeditiously as possible. Please give me or Tony Gallegos a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Permit Supervisor
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